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SUBJECT: GREEK-CYPRIOT PROPOSAL ON VAROSHA

1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ TELEPHONED TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL AFTERNOON JULY 24 TO INDICATE THAT DEPARTMENT HAD JUST BEEN PROVIDED BY CYPRUS AMBASSADOR WASHINGTON WITH GOC PROPOSAL CONCERNING VAROSHA. NIMETZ SAID THAT OUR INITIAL REACTION TO GREEK-CYPRIOT PROPOSAL WAS POSITIVE AND PROVIDED ESENBEL WITH BRIEF SUMMARY. THERE WERE CLEARLY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THIS PROPOSAL AND OFFER MADE BY DENKTASH LAST WEEK, BUT IN OUR VIEW, GREEK-CYPRIOT PROPOSAL REPRESENTED STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION IN ITS ACCEPTANCE OF IDEA THAT VAROSHA COULD BE PLACED UNDER U.N. AND THAT GREEK-CYPRIOTS WERE PREPARED TO

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RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

2. NIMETZ SAID THAT WE WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED IN PART BECAUSE OF LIKELY SENATE VOTE ON TURKISH EMBARGO JULY 25 THAT IMMEDIATE REJECTION BY TURKISH-CYPRIOTS NOT OCCUR. WE HOPED THAT GOT COULD ENCOURAGE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND ANALYSIS BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND THAT AN EFFORT BE

MADE TO VIEW GREEK-CYPRIOI OFFER IN AS POSITIVE A WAY AS POSSIBLE. NIMETZ RECALLED THAT FORMER RESIDENTS OF FAMAGUSTA HAD SHOWN INTEREST IN JULY 20 DENKTASH PROPOSAL AND THAT POSSIBLY GOC REALLY DID WANT TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE.

3. NIMETZ URGED THAT ESENBEL INFORM ANKARA THAT WE FEEL PROPOSAL CONTAINS POSITIVE ELEMENTS WHICH WE HOPE DENKTASH WILL CONSIDER SERIOUSLY. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF DENKTASH OFFERED ANY PRECIPITATE COMMENT WHICH WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESS. ESENBEL SAID HE WOULD REPORT NIMETZ POINTS TO ANKARA SOONEST. VANCE

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